REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-11 in the application. In the present response, the Applicant has amended Claim 5 to correct an insufficient antecedent basis asserted by the Examiner. The Applicant has not added, canceled or amended any other claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application.

I.   Rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as his invention. In response, the Applicant has amended Claim 5 with "a text cursor associated with the electronic device." Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §112, second paragraph, rejection and allow issuance of Claim 5.

II.   Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a web article entitled "Javascript Dynamic Text Area Counter" by Nannette Thacker. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Thacker provides a counter indicating the number of remaining characters that can be entered in a text area. (*See* page 1.) The counter in Thacker does not, however, graphically visualize the available capacity for entering data in an edit field as recited in independent Claims 1 and 6. Instead, the counter provides a numerical indication of the remaining characters. (*See* page 1.) Thus,

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Thacker teaches representing remaining characters in a text field numerically instead of graphically. Thacker, therefore, does not teach graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field as recited in independent Claims 1 and 6.

Since Thacker does not teach each element of independent Claims 1 and 6, Thacker does not anticipate Claims 1 and 6 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1-2 and 5-7 and allow issuance thereof.

III.   Rejection of Claims 3-4 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-4 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thacker in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,301,348 to Jaaskelainen. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As discussed above, Thacker does not teach graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field as recited in independent Claims 1 and 6. Thacker also does not suggest graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field. Instead, Thacker presents a numerical indication of the remaining characters in a text area. (*See* page 1.) Thacker, therefore, does not teach or suggest each element of independent Claims 1 and 6.

Jaaskelainen has not been cited to cure the above deficiency of Thacker but to teach the subject matter of the above dependent Claims. Additionally, Jaaskelainen does not teach or suggest graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field but instead is directed to providing an icon which dynamically marks the progress of a monitored computer task

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by displaying the icon to a computer user to keep him informed of the task progress. (*See* column 1, lines 8-14.) Since the cited combination of Thacker and Jaaskelainen does not teach each and every element of independent Claims 1 and 6, Thacker and Jaaskelainen does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness of Claims 1 and 6 and Claims that depend thereon. Dependent Claims 3-4 and 8-9, therefore, are not unpatentable in view of the cited combination of Thacker and Jaaskelainen. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of dependent Claims 3-4 and 8-9 and allow issuance thereof.

IV.   Rejection of Claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thacker in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,390 to Marks. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. As discussed above, Thacker does not teach or suggest graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field as recited in independent Claim 6. Marks has not been cited to cure the above deficiency of Thacker but to teach the subject matter of the above dependent Claims. Additionally, Marks does not teach or suggest graphically visualizing the available capacity for entering data in an edit field but instead provides a progress-indicating pointer in a graphical user interface. (*See* column 1, lines 6-8.) Since the cited combination of Thacker and Marks does not teach each and every element of independent Claim 6, Thacker and Marks does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness of Claim 6 and Claims that depend thereon. Dependent Claims 10-11, therefore, are not unpatentable in view of the cited combination of Thacker and Marks. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of dependent Claims 10-11 and allow issuance thereof.

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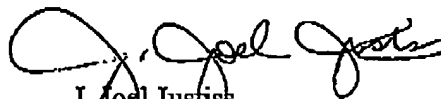Reply to Examiner's Action dated 10/03/2005

V.   Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-11.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

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